

Town of Eddington

906 Main Road • Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 24th, 2012

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for Libby's Junk / Salvage Yard was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairwoman, Joan Brooks. Russell explained that this was part of the annual permit process. No complaints have been made during the year and it is basically just a formality to renew the license. No questions asked or comments made, the hearing closed at 6:02

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Called to order by Joan Brooks at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present.

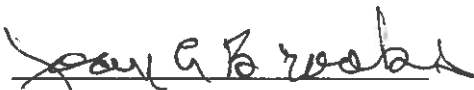
MINUTES: Meeting of March 13th & 26th, 2012. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Minutes of both meetings. **D. Goodwin / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0.**

PUBLIC ACCESS: Shawna Hinkley raised her hand to recognize that it was Charles Baker, Jr.'s Birthday, then people in attendance sang "Happy Birthday", Baker was thankful, and perhaps slightly embarrassed also.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis gave his report for March. Ellis spoke about the recently purchased Rescue Unit, it should be serviced, decaled & road ready by Mid May. The Dept. received \$1100.00 in Grant Money and has purchased Wildlife Personal Protective Gear. The Grant was applied for by Lt. Craig Russell. Chief Ellis informed the board that in the past 7 months, they have had three fatalities; all were due to distracted driving.

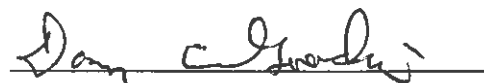
Police: Deputy Mason presented his report to the Board, spoke briefly about a few incidents he had covered and then had a call and had to leave the meeting.


Joan Brooks, Chairman


Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen


Peter Lyford, Selectmen


Charles Grover Jr., Vice-Chairman


Donn Goodwin, Selectmen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: I-395 Resolve – The Board was presented with a Petition in support of a NO BUILD option, which contained 186 Resident signatures. The Board also received a letter from resident, Gretchan Heldmann, as she could not be present at the meeting. Chairman Joan Brooks asked the board members how they felt about signing the Resolve. Donn Goodwin said he would support the No Build option. Charles Baker thinks doing “nothing” isn’t a very wise idea. Peter Lyford agreed with Charles Baker adding that “something” has to be done. Joan Brooks would like to wait to see what is decided about the East/West Highway, but does support the no build. Charles Grover was also in favor of signing the Resolve with the no build option. After a few comments and opinions were discussed, a Motion was made, seconded and passed to Sign the Resolve.

Charles Grover, Jr. / Donn Goodwin Vote 3-2.

(* The letter will now be signed and sent.)

NEW BUSINESS:

David Johnson, National Day of Prayer – Resident David Johnson came to ask the board to support the Annual Day of Prayer, Johnson further explained that the National Day of Prayer has been recognized since it began in 1952, by President Truman. In 1988 it was signed into proclamation by President Ronald Regan. The prayer ceremony for Eddington will consist of people gathering at the Municipal Office, around the Flag Pole and Dave Johnson saying a prayer for ALL government and asking for God’s Blessing. The Event is scheduled for Thursday May 3rd, 2012 at 6 .p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the National Day of Prayer with a Public Observation. **Vote 4 – 1 opposed.**

Paper Talks Magazine – Salesman Mark Pierce spoke to the board about placing an AD this year’s issue of Paper Talks, which is due to come out in July 2012. He explained that the Magazine started in 1977 and would let it stand on its own merit after thirty-five years in print, and that he would appreciate any consideration for the year.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve \$202.00 for the price of the AD.

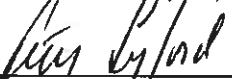
P. Lyford / C. Grover, Jr. Vote 5-0.

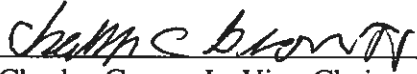
Sign Libby’s Salvage Yard Permit - A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the permit. **C. Baker, Jr. / D. Goodwin Vote 4-0.**


(C. Grover abstained, due to relation.)


Joan Brooks, Chairman

Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen


Peter Lyford, Selectmen


Charles Grover Jr., Vice-Chairman


Donn Goodwin, Selectmen

WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign warrants for April, 2012
C. Grover / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Frank Higgins expressed his displeasure with the Selectmen refusing to accept public comments during the discussion of the I-395 Resolve Signing. Higgins told the board to reconsider the decision to support a no build option and that the consequences of doing nothing means (the board) have already picked the winners and losers in the process.

Resident Josh Parda commented that Route 46 has issues that already needed to be addressed before this route came into play, and that we would basically be shifting the burden.


Wendall & Linda Tucker, residents who gathered signatures on the petition expressed the need for media coverage regarding the upcoming meeting. The Tuckers spoke about how so many residents they visited had no idea what was going on.

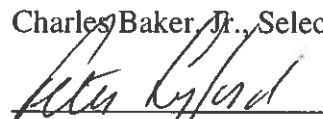
Dave Johnson, resident, also urged the Board to reconsider their vote, adding that 186 signatures is not the bulk of the townspeople. He suggested writing a letter emphasizing that we want to be involved and work with the D.O.T. and do what's best for our town and the state as well.

Hal Meyers, resident, expressed his thoughts, how its to late to play nice, to even try to work with them, stating that we need to be strong and demand some answers. Basically to NOT build, and head back to the drawing board.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
C. Grover, Jr. / P. Lyford. Vote 5-0.


Joan Brooks, Chairman


Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen


Peter Lyford, Selectmen


Charles Grover Jr., Vice-Chairman


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